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SUMMARY: IN JULY 5 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH OLIVER TAMBO, SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA WAS GENARLLY POSITIVE ON FIVE POWER INITIATIVE IN NAMIBIA. HOWEVER HE INSISTED ON EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND SUGGESTED UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR NAMIBIA AS INTERIM MEASURE. WEST GERMANY WAS ATTACKED BY BOTH LEADERS FOR INCREASED LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

1. SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA AND ANC SOUTH AFRICA LEADER OLIVER TAMBO HELD JOINT PRESS CONFERNCE JULY 5. CONFERENCE HELD JONTLY, THEY NOTED, SINCE TWO ARE "FIGHTING COMMON ENEMY."

2. AFTER CRITICIZING SOUTH AFRICA, NUJOMA STTED SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA COULD ONLY COME AFTER: (A) WITHDRAWAL OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AND ADMINISTRATION, (B) PUBLIC STATEMENT BY VORSTER RESPECTING NAMIBIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, -(C) RELEASE OF ALL NAMIBIAN PRISONERS IN NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT WHILE SWAPO APPRECIATED FIVE POWER DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, FIVE POWER EFFORT SHOULD BE AIMED AT ASSISTING UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN FULFILLING ALL OUTSTANDING UN RESOLUTINS

ON NAMIBIA AND SUPPORTING POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF
NAMIBIAN PEOPLE FOR NATIONAL SELF DETERMINATION AND
INDEPENDENCE.

3. CONTINUING, NUJOMA NOTED THAT FIVE POWER EFFORT
SEEMINGLY CONCENTRATED ON THOSE SECTIONS OF PERTINENT UN
RESOLUTIONS WHICH DEAL WITH ELECTIONS. HE SAID THIS WAS
WELL AND GOOD, AND THAT SWAPO WELCOMED THIS, BUT REITERATED
THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES MUST BE WITHDRAWN IN ORDER FOR
GENUINE ELECTORAL PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE. IN
THIS REGARD, NUMOMA STATED THAT UNPEACEKEEPING FORCE MIGHT BE FORMED
TO TAKE OVER INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF NAMBIA.

4. NUJOMA WAS NONCOMMittal IN REPLY TO
QUESTION WHETHER AGREEMENT ON WALVIS BAY WAS PRECONDITION TO
NEGOTIATINS WITH FIVE, THOUGHT BOTH LEADERS AGREED THAT
WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE PART OF FREE NAMBIA. SWAPO DID
NOT AND WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION THAT
WALVIS BAY IS PART OF SOUTH AFRICA, NUJOMA SAID AND
WAS FIGHTING TO LIBERATE ALL NAMIBIAN INCLUDING WALVIS
BAY.

5. IN HIS REMARKS, ANC PRESIDENT TAMBO LISED ABUSES
OF APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA AND STATED THAT SITUATION
IN THAT COUNTRY COULD ONLY BE CHANGED BY TRANSFER OF POWER
TO MAJORIYY. ANC, TAMBO SAID, IS NOT INVOLVED IN CIVIL
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RIGHTS STRUGGLE, BUT HAS OBJECITVE OF TRANSFORMING
SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM.

6. IN ITS PURSUIT OF THIS OBJECTIVE, TAMBO SAID ANC WAS
ENCOURAGED BY GROWING GLOBAL ACCEPTANCE OF NEED FOR
ARMED STRUGGLE SINCE SOWETO UPRISING, AND CAUTIONED
THAT TAKL ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS ONLY ENCOURAGED
ERRONEUS IDEA THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM CULD BE SOLVED
BY DIALOGUE. POSTPONEMENT OF ARMED STRUGGEL, HE
CONTENED, WOULD ONLY SOW SEEDS FOR LATER AND MORE SEIOUS
CONFLAGRATION WHICH WOULD INVLVE ALL AFRICAN AND HAVE
GLOBLA DIMENSIONS. IN THIS REGARD, TAMBO EXPRESSED
CONCERN OVER ANY POTENTIAL OAU ACTION ON NON INTERVENTION
OF NON AFRICAN STATES THAT WOULD ISOLATE STRUGGLE IN SOUTH
AFRICA AND PREVENT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FROM OBTAINING
MILITARY AND FNIANCIL AID FROM "THEIR FREINDS".

7. DURING QUESTIO PERIOD, BOTH LEADERS SCORED WEST
GERMANY FOR MAINTIANING CONSULATE AT WINDHOEK. TAMBO
STATED REASON WEST GERMANY SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM WAS
THAT AT TIME WHEN LIBERATION MOVEMENS ARE ASKING WEST
TO HELP ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA, FRG IS INCREASING ITS

RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. FRG HAD BECOME SOUTH
AFRICA'S SECOND LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND, EVEN
WORSE, FRG WAS INCREASING MILITARY COOPERATION.
NUJOMA ADDED THAT FRG ALSO FINANCED SEGREGATED SCHOOLS
IN NAMIBIA, AND TAMBO SCORED OAU FOR CIRCULATING FRG
DOCUMENT IN COURSE OF ITS DISCUSSION ON
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